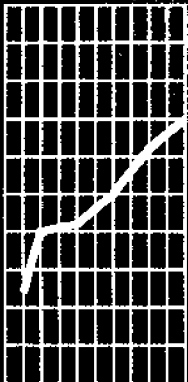




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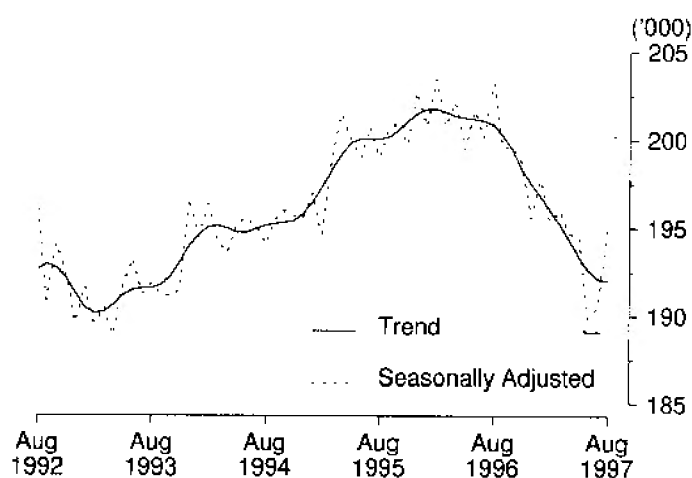
MAIN FEATURES

EMPLOYMENT

State comparisons trend estimates

The Australian and State *trend* series comparisons are given on page 25. There was a decrease of 4.4% in Tasmania's employment over the year to August 1997. The largest percentage increase in employment was in Queensland (2.0%). Next followed Western Australia (1.5%), South Australia (0.3%) and Victoria (0.1%). New South Wales had a decrease in employment of 0.4%.

EMPLOYMENT, TASMANIA



Regional comparisons original terms

In the Hobart and Southern Statistical Divisions the estimate of employment in *original terms* in June 1997 was 94,200, and compares with 98,900 in June 1996. The estimate of employment in the Northern Statistical Division in June 1997 was 53,600 and compares with 58,000 in June 1996. The estimate of employment in the Mersey-Lyell Statistical Division was 41,800 in June 1997, and compares with 44,300 in June 1996.

(See tables 3-8, pages 2-7.)

THE LABOUR FORCE

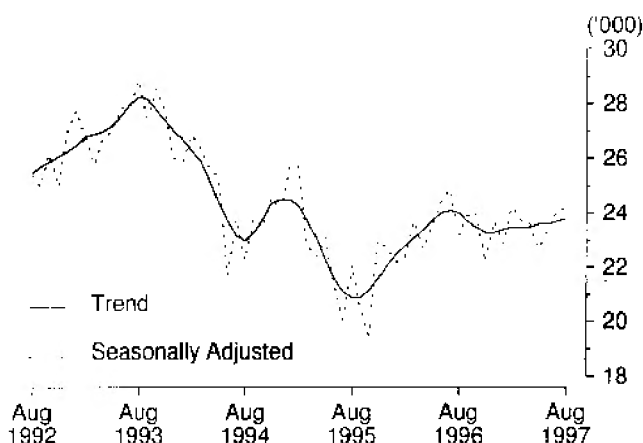
Trend estimates

There were an estimated 215,800 persons (based on *trend* estimates) in the labour force in August 1997 and an estimated 369,700 civilian Tasmanians aged 15 years or more, yielding a labour force participation rate of 58.4%. This compares with 61.0% in August 1996. For males, the *trend* estimate of the participation rate was 69.2%, compared with 71.9% for August 1996. For females, the *trend* estimate of the participation rate was 47.9%, compared with 50.4% in August 1996. (See table 3, page 2.)

UNEMPLOYMENT

Trend estimates The *trend* estimate of the number of unemployed persons in Tasmania for August 1997 was 23,800. This compares with 24,000 for August 1996. The *trend* estimate of the unemployment rate of 11.0% in August 1997 compares with 10.7% in August 1996.
(See tables 3-8, pages 2-7.)

UNEMPLOYMENT, TASMANIA



AWARD RATES OF PAY INDEXES

Original terms The movement, from June 1996 to June 1997, of weekly award rates of pay indexes for Tasmania was 1.1% for full-time adult females and 0.7% for full-time adult males, for a combined annual increase of 0.8%. For Australia, the figures were 1.9% for females and 1.2% for males, for a combined annual increase of 1.4%.

For full-time adult female employees in Tasmania, the largest industry increases over this 12 month period occurred in the Transport and storage industry (6.9%); and the Recreational, personal and other services industry (2.3%).

For the same period for full-time adult male employees in Tasmania, the largest industry increases occurred in the Recreation, personal and other services industry (1.9%); and the Transport and storage industry (1.6%).

The largest occupation increases over the same period for full-time adult female employees occurred in Para-professionals (2.6%); Tradespersons (1.2%); and Clerks (1.2%).

For full-time adult male employees the largest occupation increase over the period occurred in Clerks (0.9%); and Salespersons and personal service workers (0.9%).

Source: *Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia*, catalogue no. 6312.0.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERING

Trend Estimates The *trend* estimate for the slaughtering of cattle and calves in Tasmania in July 1997 was 0.7% higher than that recorded in the previous month. Both the number of pigs and sheep and lambs slaughtered remain virtually unchanged.

The *trend* estimate of the number of cattle and calves slaughtered in July 1997 was 23,700, 18.2% above the July 1995 figure.

The *trend* estimate for the slaughtering of sheep and lambs was 70,500 in July 1997, 23.6% above the July 1996 figure and 2.1% above the July 1995 figure.

The *trend* estimate of 6,900 pigs slaughtered in July 1997 was 2.1% above the July 1996 figure, but 8.8% below the July 1995 figure.
(See table 21, page 16.)

BUILDING APPROVALS

Original terms There were 165 dwelling units approved during July 1997 in Tasmania. This was 39.8% above the June 1997 figure of 118 and an increase of 36.4% on the July 1996 figure (121).

For the twelve months ended July 1997 there were 1,888 new dwelling units approved, 22.8% below the July 1996 figure (2,447).

The value of new residential building approved, at current prices, in July 1997 was \$14.3 million, 51.0% above the June 1997 figure and 50.0% above the July 1996 figure.

The value of all building approved, at current prices, in July 1997 was \$25.8 million, 0.7% above the June 1997 figure, but 48.4% below the July 1996 figure.

(See table 27, page 20.)

HOUSING FINANCE

Trend estimates The *trend* estimate for the number of new secured housing finance commitments entered into in Tasmania in July 1997 was 784 dwellings, a decrease of 1.6% on the previous month's figure of 797 and a fall of 26.7% when compared to the July 1996 figure of 1069.

The value of new commitments has remained constant over the months of May, June and July 1997 at \$57.5 million. When compared to the July 1996 value of \$68.0 million, this represents a fall of 15.4% in the value of housing commitments over the twelve month period.

Nationally, the total number of dwelling commitments decreased 1.2% from 39,741 dwellings in June 1997 to 39,264 in July, while the value of these commitments fell 0.6% from \$4315.1 million in June to \$4289.7 million in July.

(See table 28, page 20.)

PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Original terms Total new capital expenditure, in Tasmania, for the June quarter 1997 was \$175 million. This was 3.6% above the figure recorded in the March quarter 1997 and 7.4% above the June quarter 1996 figure.

Total private new capital expenditure, in Tasmania, for the 1996-97 financial year was \$688 million, 12.2% above the figure recorded for the 1995-96 financial year.
(See table 30, page 21.)

STATE ACCOUNTS

Trend estimates Tasmanian Gross State Product (GSP) fell 0.8% in the June quarter 1997, as measured by the *trend* series at constant prices. This is below the national *trend*, with Australian Gross Domestic Product growing 0.6% during the June quarter. Victoria recorded the highest growth for the quarter of 1.3%, while Tasmania recorded the lowest.

Annually, Tasmanian GSP also experienced a fall of 1.4% (June 1996 to June 1997) as measured by the *trend* series at constant prices. Tasmanian annual GSP growth was well below the national *trend*, with Australian Gross Domestic Product growing 2.6% during the same period. Queensland recorded the largest annual increase in GSP of 4.3%, Victoria followed with a GSP growth of 3.2%, while Tasmania recorded the lowest annual growth in GSP.

Source: *Australian National Accounts, State Accounts*, ABS catalogue no. 5242.0, released on 25 September 1997. (FINAL ISSUE)

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

Original terms The room occupancy rate for hotels, motels and guest houses in Tasmania for June quarter 1997 was 43.7%, compared with 46.7% recorded in June quarter 1996. Takings from accommodation for June quarter 1997 totalled \$17,695,000, a slight decrease on the June quarter 1996 figure of \$17,815,000.

The unit occupancy rate for holiday flats, units and houses for June quarter 1997 was unchanged from the June quarter 1996 figure, 43.3%. Capacity increased 3.5% from 846 units in June quarter 1996 to 876 units in June quarter 1997.

The site occupancy rate for caravan parks was 31.5% for June quarter 1997. Takings from accommodation were \$1,720,000, a 9.2% increase on the June 1996 figure of \$1,575,000.
(See table 33, page 23.)

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

Original terms There were 1,476 new motor vehicles (excluding motorcycles) registered in Tasmania during July 1997. This was 30.9% above the 1,128 registered in June 1997 and 10.1% above the figure for July 1996 (1,341).

Of the new motor vehicles (excluding motorcycles) registered in July 1997 in Tasmania, 366 were vehicles registered by vehicle rental businesses. This compared with 22 registered by vehicle rental businesses in June 1997 and 232 in July 1996.
(See table 34, page 24.)

RETAIL

Original terms	<p>In <i>original terms</i>, the estimate of retail turnover in Australia during July 1997 was \$10,892.3 million, 4.9% above the figure recorded in July 1996.</p> <p>In <i>original terms</i>, the estimate of retail turnover in July 1997, for Tasmania, was \$259.4 million, 9.7% above the figure recorded for July 1996.</p>
Trend estimates	<p>The <i>trend</i> estimate of retail turnover in Australia during July 1997, was \$11,002.6 million, 3.4% higher than for July 1996.</p> <p>The <i>trend</i> estimate of retail turnover in Tasmania recorded for July 1997, was \$264.8 million, 4.3% higher than the July 1996.</p> <p>The monthly <i>trend</i> estimate for turnover of retail and selected service establishments for Tasmania has shown an increase for the last eleven months.</p> <p>(See table 35, page 24.)</p>

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POPULATION: Original

Year or quarter	Estimated resident population at end of period	Natural increase ¹	Net estimated migration gain	Total population growth	Annual growth rate ²
	'000	'000	'000	'000	%
Year ended 30 June					
1992	469.8	3.2	- 0.3	3.0	0.64
1993	471.6	3.1	- 1.5	1.8	0.38
1994	472.9	3.1	- 2.0	1.3	0.28
1995	473.7	2.9	- 2.4	0.8	0.18
1996 p	474.6	2.6	- 2.2	0.9	0.18
Quarter					
1995					
December	474.2	0.5	- 0.6	0.1	0.18
1996					
March	474.5	0.8	- 0.7	0.2	0.16
June	474.6	0.6	- 0.4	0.1	0.18
September p	474.7	0.6	- 0.5	0.1	0.11
December p	474.2	0.6	- 1.1	- 0.4	0.01
1997					
March p	473.8	0.7	- 1.1	- 0.5	- 0.14

¹ Excess of live births registered over deaths registered (based on usual State of residence).

² Percentage growth from same quarter in previous year.

(Source: Australian Demographic Statistics, ABS catalogue number 3101.0)

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BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES REGISTERED: Original

Year or quarter	Births		Deaths		Infant mortality ¹		Marriages	
	No.	Rate ²	No.	Rate ²	Deaths	Rate ³	No.	Rate ²
Year ended 31 December								
1992	6 956	14.8	3 722	7.9	43	6.2	3 081	6.5
1993	6 804	14.4	3 618	7.7	37	5.4	3 055	6.5
1994	6 836	14.4	3 909	8.3	46	6.7	2 887	6.1
1995	6 558	13.8	3 739	7.9	36	5.5	2 840	6.0
1996 p	6 419	13.5	3 884	8.2	29	4.5	2 654	5.6
Quarter								
1995								
December	1 446	..	906	..	9	6.2	799	..
1996								
March p	1 748	..	979	..	10	5.7	858	..
June p	1 524	..	969	..	6	3.9	789	..
September p	1 603	..	1 034	..	8	5.0	349	..
December p	1 544	..	902	..	3	1.9	658	..
1997								
March p	1 521	..	862	..	6	3.9	896	..

¹ Registered deaths of children under one year of age.

² Rate per 1,000 of estimated mean population.

³ Rate per 1,000 live births.

(Source: Australian Demographic Statistics, ABS catalogue number 3101.0)

Month	Seasonally adjusted series				Trend Series			
	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	'000	'000	%	%	'000	'000	%	%
MALES								
1996								
August	117.7	14.1	10.7	72.7	115.9	14.6	11.2	71.9
September	115.6	14.4	11.1	71.7	115.6	14.3	11.0	71.6
October	114.4	14.2	11.1	70.9	115.1	14.0	10.9	71.1
November	114.8	12.8	10.1	70.3	114.4	13.9	10.8	70.7
December	113.0	14.7	11.5	70.3	113.7	14.0	10.9	70.3
1997								
January	113.4	13.6	10.7	69.9	113.1	14.1	11.1	70.1
February	112.1	14.7	11.6	69.8	112.7	14.2	11.2	69.9
March	113.4	14.0	11.0	70.1	112.3	14.3	11.3	69.7
April	111.5	15.4	12.1	69.8	111.9	14.3	11.3	69.5
May	112.3	13.4	10.6	69.2	111.7	14.3	11.4	69.3
June	110.6	13.7	11.0	68.4	111.5	14.3	11.4	69.2
July	110.4	15.4	12.2	69.3	111.4	14.3	11.4	69.2
August	113.1	14.0	11.0	69.9	111.5	14.3	11.4	69.2
FEMALES								
1996								
August	85.6	9.1	9.6	50.5	85.0	9.4	10.0	50.4
September	84.0	9.5	10.1	49.8	84.7	9.5	10.1	50.2
October	85.3	9.8	10.3	50.6	84.4	9.5	10.1	50.0
November	84.0	9.4	10.1	49.8	84.1	9.4	10.1	49.8
December	82.6	9.0	9.8	48.8	83.8	9.4	10.1	49.6
1997								
January	84.5	9.3	9.9	49.9	83.6	9.3	10.0	49.5
February	83.3	9.5	10.3	49.4	83.3	9.3	10.0	49.3
March	82.6	9.7	10.5	49.2	82.9	9.2	10.0	49.0
April	83.3	8.3	9.1	48.7	82.3	9.2	10.1	48.7
May	82.3	9.3	10.2	48.8	81.7	9.2	10.2	48.4
June	79.4	9.8	11.0	47.5	81.2	9.3	10.3	48.2
July	80.1	8.7	9.8	47.3	80.7	9.4	10.4	48.0
August	81.8	10.2	11.0	48.9	80.5	9.5	10.6	47.9
TOTAL								
1996								
August	203.3	23.2	10.2	61.4	200.9	24.0	10.7	61.0
September	199.6	23.9	10.7	60.6	200.3	23.7	10.6	60.7
October	199.6	24.0	10.7	60.6	199.5	23.5	10.5	60.4
November	198.8	22.3	10.1	59.9	198.4	23.3	10.5	60.1
December	195.6	23.7	10.8	59.4	197.5	23.3	10.6	59.8
1997								
January	197.8	22.9	10.4	59.8	196.8	23.4	10.6	59.6
February	195.4	24.2	11.0	59.5	196.0	23.5	10.7	59.4
March	196.0	23.7	10.8	59.5	195.2	23.5	10.7	59.2
April	194.7	23.6	10.8	59.1	194.3	23.5	10.8	58.9
May	194.5	22.7	10.4	58.8	193.4	23.6	10.9	58.7
June	189.9	23.5	11.0	57.8	192.6	23.6	10.9	58.5
July	190.6	24.1	11.2	58.1	192.1	23.7	11.0	58.4
August	194.9	24.2	11.0	59.2	192.0	23.8	11.0	58.4

¹ For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Labour Force, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6203.0.
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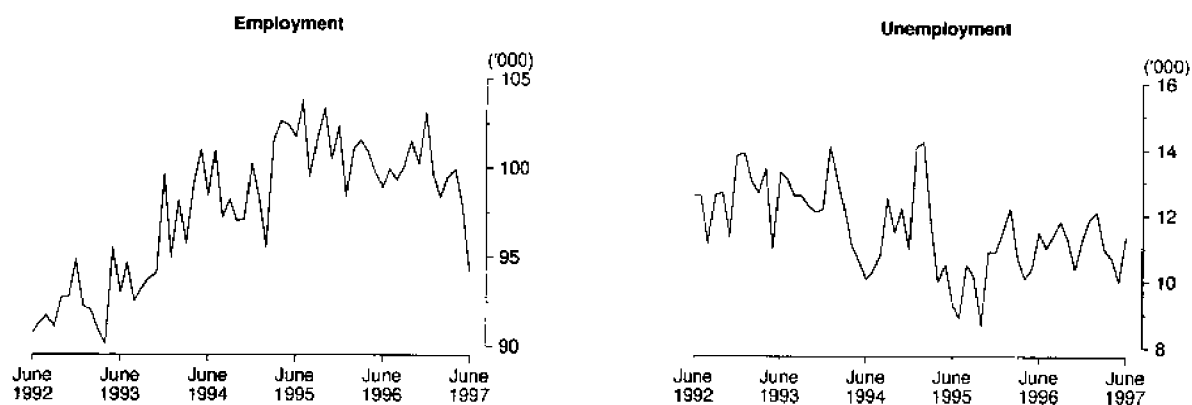
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LABOUR FORCE STATUS BY REGION, MALES^{1, 2}: **Original**

		Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
Month		'000	'000	%	%
HOBART AND SOUTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS					
1994	June	53.5	6.7	11.1	68.6
1996	June	55.6	7.4	11.8	71.0
1997	April	55.0	6.8	11.0	68.2
	May	54.0	6.1	10.1	66.9
	June	52.8	6.9	11.5	66.2
NORTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION					
1994	June	31.1	4.2	11.9	71.2
1996	June	33.2	4.3	11.3	74.3
1997	April	32.4	4.0	10.9	70.0
	May	33.1	3.8	10.3	70.6
	June	32.4	4.3	11.7	70.1
MERSEY-LYELL STATISTICAL DIVISION					
1994	June	27.2	3.4	11.1	72.0
1996	June	26.6	3.5	11.6	71.8
1997	April	24.4	3.8	13.4	72.2
	May	25.5	2.8	9.8	71.3
	June	24.9	2.6	9.4	70.0
TASMANIA					
1994	June	111.8	14.3	11.3	70.1
1996	June	115.4	15.2	11.6	72.1
1997	April	111.8	14.5	11.5	69.6
	May	112.6	12.7	10.1	68.9
	June	110.0	13.7	11.1	68.1

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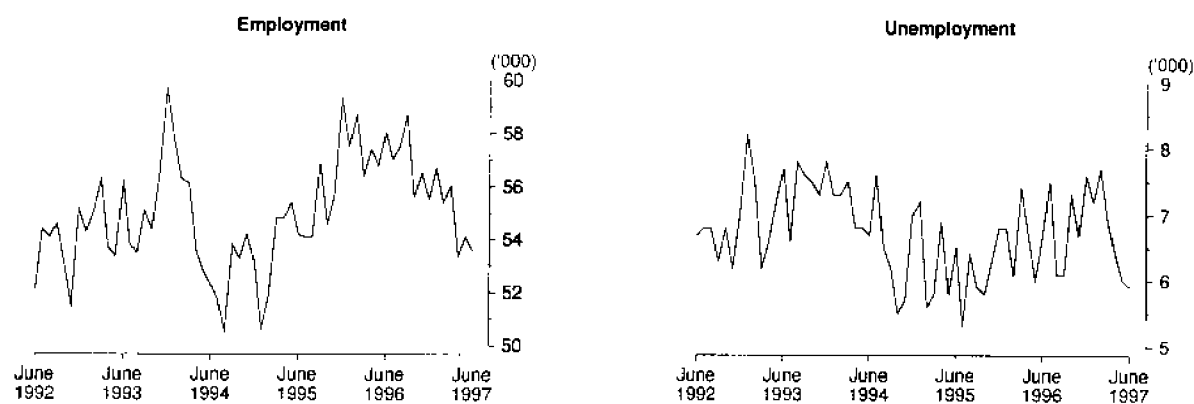
Hobart and Southern Statistical Divisions—Persons: **Original**

Month		Total employed '000	Total unemployed '000	Unemployment rate %	Participation rate %
HOBART AND SOUTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS					
1994	June	45.1	3.4	7.0	52.1
1996	June	43.3	4.1	8.6	51.3
1997	April	44.9	3.9	8.0	51.2
	May	43.9	3.9	8.1	51.0
	June	41.4	4.6	9.9	49.1
NORTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION					
1994	June	21.2	2.5	10.5	44.8
1996	June	24.8	2.4	8.9	52.2
1997	April	21.0	2.5	10.5	45.6
	May	21.0	2.2	9.5	44.6
	June	21.2	1.6	6.8	43.8
MERSEY-LYELL STATISTICAL DIVISION					
1994	June	16.8	2.0	10.5	46.4
1996	June	17.7	2.1	10.4	46.3
1997	April	17.5	1.9	9.8	47.3
	May	18.5	2.7	12.9	50.2
	June	16.9	2.9	14.7	46.9
TASMANIA					
1994	June	83.0	7.8	8.6	48.8
1996	June	85.8	8.5	9.1	50.4
1997	April	83.4	8.3	9.0	48.8
	May	83.4	8.8	9.6	49.1
	June	79.5	9.0	10.2	47.1

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Northern Statistical Division—Persons: **Original**



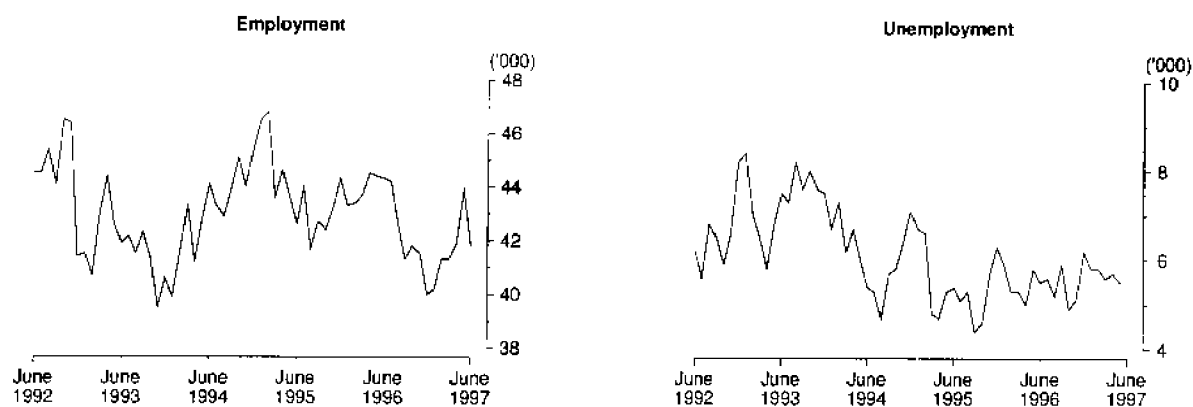
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LABOUR FORCE STATUS BY REGION, PERSONS^{1, 2}: **Original**

		Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
Month		'000	'000	%	%
HOBART AND SOUTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS					
1994	June	98.5	10.1	9.3	60.1
1996	June	98.9	11.5	10.4	60.9
1997	April	99.9	10.7	9.7	59.5
	May	97.9	10.0	9.3	58.8
	June	94.2	11.4	10.8	57.5
NORTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION					
1994	June	52.3	6.7	11.3	57.6
1996	June	58.0	6.7	10.3	63.0
1997	April	53.4	6.4	10.8	57.8
	May	54.1	6.0	10.0	57.6
	June	53.6	5.9	9.9	57.0
MERSEY-LYELL STATISTICAL DIVISION					
1994	June	44.1	5.4	10.9	59.5
1996	June	44.3	5.5	11.1	58.9
1997	April	41.9	5.7	11.9	59.5
	May	43.9	5.5	11.1	60.4
	June	41.8	5.5	11.6	58.0
TASMANIA					
1994	June	194.9	22.2	10.2	59.3
1996	June	201.2	23.7	10.5	61.1
1997	April	195.3	22.8	10.5	59.0
	May	195.9	21.5	9.9	58.8
	June	189.6	22.8	10.7	57.5

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Mersey-Lyell Statistical Division—Persons: **Original**

Month	Employed		Unemployed		Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15-19	Unemployment rate	Unemployment population ratio	Participation rate
	Full-time	Total	Looking for full-time work	Total						
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%
ATTENDING NEITHER SCHOOL NOR A TERTIARY INSTITUTION FULL TIME										
1994 August	6.9	9.3	2.5	2.7	12.0	1.6	13.7	22.8	20.0	88.0
1996 August	6.4	8.3	1.8	2.1	10.4	1.5	11.9	19.8	17.3	87.4
1997 June	5.3	7.6	3.1	3.1	10.8	2.4	13.2	29.1	23.8	82.0
July	5.3	8.5	3.2	3.3	11.8	2.1	13.9	27.9	23.6	84.7
August	5.3	7.7	3.8	3.8	11.5	1.6	13.1	33.4	29.4	88.1
ATTENDING SCHOOL OR A TERTIARY INSTITUTION FULL TIME										
1994 August	—	4.9	0.2	0.9	5.8	14.7	20.5	15.3	4.3	28.4
1996 August	0.2	6.1	0.4	1.5	7.7	14.6	22.2	19.9	6.8	34.5
1997 June	0.2	5.2	0.3	2.2	7.3	13.9	21.2	29.7	10.2	34.5
July	0.1	5.2	0.2	1.8	7.0	13.5	20.5	25.4	8.6	34.0
August	—	4.9	0.2	1.9	6.7	14.6	21.4	27.5	8.7	31.4
TOTAL										
1994 August	6.9	14.2	2.7	3.6	17.9	16.3	34.2	20.3	10.6	52.3
1996 August	6.6	14.5	2.2	3.6	18.1	16.1	34.1	19.8	10.5	52.9
1997 June	5.5	12.8	3.3	5.3	18.1	16.3	34.4	29.3	15.4	52.7
July	5.4	13.7	3.4	5.1	18.8	15.7	34.4	27.0	14.7	54.5
August	5.3	12.5	4.0	5.7	18.2	16.2	34.4	31.2	16.5	53.0

¹ Persons aged 15-19 years.

² For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Labour Force, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6203.0.
(Source: Labour Force Estimates—microfiche tables.)

Occupation	May 1995	May 1996		Proportion of total employed		
	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	May 1995	May 1996
	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%
Managers and administrators	19.0	13.6	3.4	17.0	9.4	8.5
Farmers and farm managers	6.5	4.0	0.9	4.9	3.2	2.4
Managing supervisors	6.9	6.5	1.5	8.0	3.4	4.0
Other	5.6	3.1	1.2	4.1	2.8	2.0
Professionals	25.1	12.8	10.7	23.5	12.5	11.7
Building and professional engineers	2.4	1.6	—	1.6	1.2	0.8
Health diagnosis and treatment practitioners	3.0	1.3	1.5	2.8	1.5	1.4
School teachers	8.5	1.4	3.7	5.1	4.2	2.5
Business professionals	3.7	3.8	1.4	5.2	1.9	2.6
Other	7.4	4.7	4.1	8.8	3.7	4.4
Para-professionals	14.3	7.3	5.8	13.1	7.1	6.5
Engineering and building associates and technicians	1.6	1.7	0.1	1.8	0.8	0.9
Registered nurses	5.7	0.4	4.0	4.5	2.8	2.2
Other	7.0	5.2	1.7	6.8	3.5	3.4
Tradespersons	29.1	26.3	3.4	29.7	14.4	14.8
Metal fitting and machining tradespersons	2.8	2.4	—	2.4	1.4	1.2
Electrical and electronics tradespersons	4.0	4.5	0.1	4.6	2.0	2.3
Building tradespersons	6.4	6.9	0.1	7.0	3.2	3.5
Other	15.9	12.4	3.2	15.7	7.9	7.8
Clerks	33.0	8.8	26.1	34.9	16.4	17.4
Stenographers and typists	3.8	0.1	3.3	3.4	1.9	1.7
Receptionists, telephonists and messengers	5.0	1.2	4.6	5.7	2.5	2.8
Other	24.2	7.5	18.2	25.8	12.0	12.8
Salespersons and personal service workers	34.2	9.7	23.0	32.7	17.0	16.3
Sales representatives	2.9	2.0	1.3	3.3	1.4	1.6
Sales assistants	15.3	4.0	10.5	14.5	7.6	7.2
Other	16.0	3.7	11.2	14.9	7.9	7.4
Plant and machine operators, and drivers	16.2	15.1	2.1	17.2	8.0	8.6
Road and rail transport drivers	6.9	6.1	0.6	6.6	3.4	3.3
Machine operators	4.4	3.3	1.5	4.8	2.2	2.4
Other	4.9	5.7	—	5.8	2.4	2.9
Labourers and related workers	30.6	21.2	11.6	32.8	15.2	16.3
Trades assistants and factory hands	5.4	3.7	1.4	5.1	2.7	2.5
Agricultural labourers and related workers	7.0	5.8	2.2	8.1	3.5	4.0
Cleaners	6.4	1.3	4.6	5.9	3.2	2.9
Construction and mining labourers	2.0	2.9	0.1	3.0	1.0	1.5
Other	9.8	7.5	3.3	10.7	4.9	5.3
Total employed	201.4	115.0	86.0	200.9	100.0	100.0

¹ For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Labour Force, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6203.0.
(Source: Labour Force Estimates—unpublished data.)

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EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, SECTOR AND INDUSTRY¹: Original

Industry	Employees, February 1997			Percentage distribution	
	Private No. ('000)	Public No. ('000)	Private and public No. ('000)	February 1995	February 1997
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing	n.a.	0.6	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Mining	1.9	—	1.9	1.1	1.2
Manufacturing	21.6	—	21.6	15.3	13.3
Electricity, gas and water, construction	6.5	2.4	9.0	7.0	5.5
Wholesale and retail trade	28.6	—	28.6	19.9	17.6
Transport and storage	5.8	1.2	6.9	3.7	4.3
Communication services	0.4	2.4	2.8	1.6	1.7
Finance, insurance, property and business services	18.1	1.3	19.4	9.7	12.0
Government, administration and defence	—	9.0	9.0	7.2	5.5
Health and community services	14.1	9.3	23.4	14.0	14.4
Cultural, Recreational, personal and other services	8.5	3.2	11.7	4.1	7.2
Total all industries	120.6	41.6	162.2	100.0	100.0

¹ For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Employed Wage and Salary Earners, Australia*, catalogue number 6248.0.
(Source: *Employed Wage and Salary Earners*, ABS catalogue number 6248.0.)

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AVERAGE HOURS WORKED: Original

Month	Average weekly total hours worked, all employed persons ¹			Average weekly overtime hours ²		Percentage of employees working overtime ²
	Males	Females	Persons	Per employee	Per employee working overtime	
1994						
May	39.4	27.2	34.2	0.9	6.4	13.9
1996						
May	40.1	27.0	34.5	0.9	5.6	16.0
August	38.8	27.2	33.9	0.8	5.4	14.4
November	38.7	26.8	33.6	0.8	6.2	12.7
1997						
February	38.0	26.2	33.1	0.9	6.6	13.6
May	39.4	27.8	34.4	0.8	5.9	13.3

¹ For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Labour Force, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6203.0.

² For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Job Vacancies and Overtime, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6354.0.

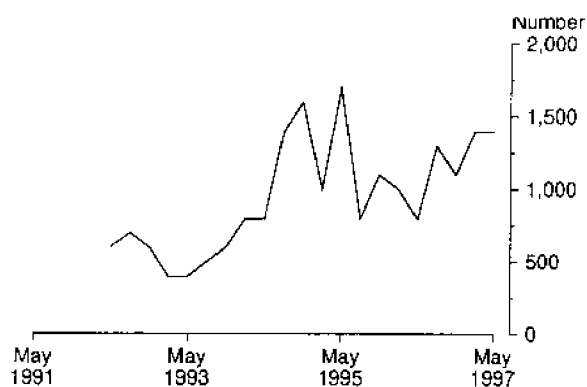
11 JOB VACANCIES¹: Original

Period	Number	Rate ² %
1994		
May	800	0.5
1996		
May	800	0.5
August	1 300	0.8
November	1 100	0.7
1997		
February	1 400	1.0
May	1 400	1.0

¹ For explanation of terms and concepts refer to *Job Vacancies and Overtime, Australia*, catalogue number 6354.0.

² Job vacancies are expressed as a percentage of the number of job vacancies divided by the number of employees plus job vacancies.

JOB VACANCIES: Original



12 INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES¹: Original

Month	Working days lost '000	Twelve months ending	Working days lost per thousand employees no.
1996		1996	
July	4.4	July	39
August	5.2	August	70
September	1.3	September	77
October	0.1	October	77
November	0.3	November	79
December	0.1	December	78
1997		1997	
January	0.0	January	73
February	0.0	February	73
March	0.0	March	73
April	0.0	April	73
May	1.4	May	81
June	0.0	June	79
Twelve months ended 1997			
June	13.0		

¹ For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Industrial Disputes, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6321.0.

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AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES¹: Original and trend

Quarter	Survey reference period	Full-time adult males		All males	Full-time adult females		All females	Full-time adult persons		All employees
		Weekly ordinary time earnings	Weekly total earnings	Weekly total earnings	Weekly ordinary time earnings	Weekly total earnings	Weekly total earnings	Weekly ordinary time earnings	Weekly total earnings	Weekly total earnings
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
ORIGINAL										
1996										
June	17 May	663.40	702.80	621.90	570.10	583.20	389.30	631.90	662.40	503.30
September	16 August	666.90	699.20	624.30	556.30	567.40	387.70	629.10	654.10	506.50
December	15 November	688.50	728.50	643.00	574.20	584.90	393.70	649.90	680.00	517.70
1997										
March	21 February	705.80	742.10	658.80	584.30	594.80	407.80	664.40	691.90	533.10
June	16 May	707.30	744.60	620.00	576.30	586.20	397.00	662.30	690.20	511.40
TREND										
1996										
June	17 May	661.40	698.70	621.90	563.70	575.10	391.20	628.80	657.40	507.10
September	16 August	672.50	709.80	634.00	567.80	579.30	391.10	637.20	665.90	511.70
December	15 November	686.50	723.30	641.00	571.90	582.80	394.40	647.40	675.40	517.40
1997										
March	21 February	700.30	736.50	639.50	576.10	586.20	398.50	657.70	684.90	519.80
June	16 May	713.00	749.00	632.40	579.50	589.40	403.20	667.40	693.80	519.40

¹ For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6302.0.
(Source: *Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6302.0.)

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WEEKLY AWARD RATES OF PAY INDEXES, FULL-TIME ADULT EMPLOYEES¹: Original (Base: June 1985 = 100.0)

Industry	1994	1996	1997		
	June	June	April	May	June
Mining	137.7	150.9	150.9	150.9	150.9
Manufacturing	146.9	152.4	153.6	154.2	154.5
Electricity, gas and water	133.4	137.7	137.7	137.9	137.9
Construction	142.6	149.3	149.5	150.2	150.2
Wholesale trade	139.9	146.7	148.4	148.4	148.4
Retail trade	139.6	143.7	144.1	144.2	144.2
Transport and storage	138.9	145.7	148.7	148.9	148.9
Communication	135.4	135.4	135.4	135.4	135.4
Finance, property and business services	137.8	140.5	140.6	140.7	140.7
Public administration and defence	148.3	157.9	158.6	158.6	158.6
Community services	140.8	148.4	149.1	149.5	149.5
Recreation, personal and other services	149.2	155.9	158.2	159.2	159.2
Total all industries	141.7	147.9	148.7	149.0	149.1

¹ For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6312.0.
(Source: *Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6312.0.)

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SUMMARY OF ANNUAL MOVEMENTS IN WAGES AND PRICES: **Original**

Period	CPI. All groups Hobart	Price index of materials used in house building. All groups, Hobart	Price index of materials used in building other than house building. All groups, Hobart	Average weekly total, earnings, full-time adult employees	Weekly award rates of pay index, full-time adult employees
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR					
1994					
June	2.7	3.7	1.1	..	1.7
1996					
June	3.0	0.7	1.0	..	1.3
1996					
July	..	- 0.1	1.0	..	0.9
August	..	- 0.2	0.9	3.0	0.9
September	2.3	0.2	0.8	..	0.8
October	..	- 0.8	0.4	..	0.9
November	..	- 1.0	0.7	4.9	0.7
December	1.8	- 0.5	1.0	..	0.7
1997					
January	..	- 0.7	0.9	..	0.1
February	..	- 0.3	1.1	6.2	0.8
March	1.5	- 0.2	1.3	..	0.6
April	..	- 0.7	1.4	..	0.9
May	..	- 0.3	1.3	4.2	0.6
June	0.6	- 0.3	1.2	..	0.8

(Sources:
 Consumer Price Index, ABS catalogue number 6401.0,
 Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, ABS catalogue number 6408.0. (quarterly from June 1997),
 Price Index of Materials Used in Other than House Building, ABS catalogue number 6407.0. (quarterly from June 1997),
 Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia, ABS catalogue number 6302.0,
 Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia, ABS catalogue number 6312.0.)

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HOUSE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS¹, HOBART: **Original**

(Base of each Index: 1989-90 = 100.0)

	Established house price index		Project home price index	
	Index	% change ²	Index	% change ²
1993-94	122.5	5.1	117.7	3.2
1994-95	129.0	5.3	121.3	3.1
1995-96	129.8	0.6	123.4	1.7
1995				
March	129.4	0.9	121.6	0.9
June	130.1	0.5	123.1	1.2
September	129.2	- 0.7	123.5	0.3
December	129.1	- 0.1	123.5	—
1996				
March	129.8	+ 0.5	123.3	- 0.2
June	131.2	+ 1.1	123.3	—
September	130.2	- 0.8	123.3	—
December	128.5	- 1.3	123.3	—
1997				
March	130.4	+ 1.5	123.3	—

¹ Used in calculating the mortgage interest charges component of the Consumer Price Index.

² Percentage change over previous period.

(Source: House Price Indexes: Eight Capital Cities, ABS catalogue number 6416.0)

(Base of each index: year 1989-90 = 100.0)

Period	Hobart					
	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol
1994						
December	113.3	105.3	97.6	113.9	115.0	139.1
1995						
March	115.4	105.0	102.7	114.9	115.1	140.3
June	116.1	106.1	104.5	115.4	117.2	143.1
September	117.3	105.9	106.0	116.5	119.4	144.3
December	117.1	105.6	106.5	117.5	120.1	145.9
1996						
March	118.1	106.3	107.2	117.8	119.0	150.3
June	118.4	106.0	107.6	118.5	119.8	153.3
September	120.0	105.9	107.4	119.1	119.7	153.7
December	120.6	105.6	104.8	119.4	121.8	152.7
1997						
March	120.7	105.7	101.9	120.1	122.8	153.1
June	121.0	105.3	98.4	120.1	121.7	153.5

Period	Hobart				Weighted average of eight capital cities	
	Health and personal care	Recreation and education	Index, all groups	% change over previous period, all groups	Index	% change over previous period
1994						
December	138.7	113.0	114.2	+ 0.8	112.8	+ 0.8
1995						
March	140.4	115.4	116.1	+ 1.7	114.7	+ 1.7
June	141.0	114.0	117.1	+ 0.9	116.2	+ 1.3
September	146.7	113.3	118.4	+ 1.1	117.6	+ 1.2
December	146.9	115.8	119.2	+ 0.7	118.5	+ 0.8
1996						
March	149.7	117.1	120.1	+ 0.8	119.0	+ 0.4
June	150.5	116.0	120.6	+ 0.4	119.8	+ 0.7
September	154.1	115.1	121.1	+ 0.4	120.1	+ 0.3
December	154.8	116.8	121.3	+ 0.2	120.3	+ 0.2
1997						
March	159.4	120.5	121.9	+ 0.5	120.5	+ 0.2
June	162.6	119.2	121.3	- 0.5	120.2	- 0.2

¹ Further information on construction of CPI indexes is contained in the bulletin *The Australian Consumer Price Index Concepts, Sources and Methods* (Catalogue No. 6461.0).

² The CPI is now published on a reference base of 1989-90 = 100.0.
(Source: *Consumer Price Index*, ABS catalogue number 6401.0.)

<i>Index numbers for selected major building materials</i>						
<i>Period</i>	<i>Structural timber</i>	<i>Clay bricks</i>	<i>Ready mixed concrete</i>	<i>Precast concrete products</i>	<i>Steel decking, cladding etc.</i>	<i>Structural steel</i>
1996						
April	116.9	123.7	113.2	128.4	112.3	122.7
May	114.4	123.7	112.9	128.4	112.3	122.7
June	113.8	124.5	112.1	128.4	112.3	123.7
July	114.5	124.5	114.2	132.6	112.3	125.2
August	112.7	124.5	115.5	132.6	112.3	126.0
September	112.7	124.5	114.7	132.6	112.3	124.7
October	110.6	124.5	115.8	132.6	112.3	124.7
November	110.3	125.6	115.8	132.6	112.2	126.5
December	108.9	125.6	116.3	132.6	112.2	126.7
1997						
January	108.9	125.7	116.3	132.6	112.2	126.7
February	108.9	125.7	116.6	132.6	118.6	126.7
March	109.8	125.7	117.3	131.3	118.6	126.7
April	108.9	125.7	117.3	131.2	118.6	126.7
May	108.9	125.7	117.5	131.2	118.9	126.7
June p	108.9	125.7	117.5	131.2	118.9	126.9

<i>Index numbers for selected major building materials</i>							
<i>Period</i>	<i>Reinforcing steel bar, fabric and mesh</i>	<i>Aluminium windows</i>	<i>Fabricated steel products</i>	<i>Builders' hardware</i>	<i>Sand & aggregate</i>	<i>Paint & other coatings</i>	<i>Non-ferrous pipes & fittings</i>
1996							
April	109.2	104.4	111.5	117.3	133.1	118.1	172.8
May	109.2	104.4	111.5	116.0	133.1	120.6	174.5
June	109.2	104.4	111.9	116.1	133.1	124.5	174.5
July	109.2	104.4	111.9	115.4	133.1	126.1	168.7
August	110.7	104.4	112.4	118.9	133.1	126.1	167.9
September	110.8	104.4	113.6	119.0	133.1	126.7	167.9
October	110.9	105.5	113.6	119.1	133.1	126.7	160.8
November	110.9	105.5	113.4	119.1	133.1	127.0	160.9
December	110.9	105.5	113.4	118.2	133.1	128.2	162.4
1997							
January	110.9	106.8	113.4	118.2	135.0	127.8	162.4
February	111.0	106.8	113.4	118.0	134.2	127.3	163.1
March	110.9	106.8	113.5	115.1	134.2	127.2	166.9
April	110.9	106.8	113.5	115.1	134.2	127.2	166.9
May	110.9	106.8	113.5	115.2	134.2	124.6	166.9
June p	110.9	106.8	113.5	115.4	121.4	124.7	167.9

(Source: Price Index of Materials Used in Other than House Building, ABS catalogue number 6407.0.)

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	All electrical materials		All mechanical services		All plumbing materials	
Period	Index	% change over previous period	Index	% change over previous period	Index	% change over previous period
1996						
April	118.3	- 0.3	116.1	+0.3	126.6	- 0.8
May	119.6	+1.1	116.1	—	127.1	+0.4
June	119.5	- 0.1	116.5	+0.3	127.3	+0.2
July	119.5	—	116.3	- 0.2	127.0	- 0.2
August	113.7	- 4.9	117.4	+0.9	126.0	- 0.8
September	113.9	+0.2	117.6	+0.2	126.0	—
October	118.3	+3.9	117.3	- 0.3	120.4	- 4.4
November	118.3	—	116.5	- 0.7	120.7	+0.2
December	118.3	—	116.5	—	121.2	+0.4
1997						
January	118.4	+0.1	116.6	+0.1	120.8	- 0.3
February	118.4	—	116.6	—	121.0	+0.2
March	117.6	- 0.7	117.1	+0.4	122.3	+1.1
April	117.4	- 0.2	117.1	—	122.5	+0.2
May	117.6	0.2	117.1	—	122.5	—
June p	117.6	—	117.2	0.1	122.5	—
	All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services		All groups			
Period	Index	% change over previous period	Index	% change over previous period		
1996						
April	115.2	- 0.1	115.1	—		
May	115.3	+0.1	115.2	+0.1		
June	115.3	—	115.3	+0.1		
July	116.1	+0.7	115.8	+0.4		
August	116.5	+0.3	115.9	+0.1		
September	116.3	- 0.2	115.8	- 0.1		
October	116.2	- 0.1	116.0	+0.2		
November	116.6	+0.3	116.1	+0.1		
December	116.7	+0.1	116.2	+0.1		
1997						
January	116.8	+0.1	116.3	+0.1		
February	117.1	+0.3	116.5	+0.2		
March	117.1	—	116.6	+0.1		
April	117.3	+0.2	116.7	+0.1		
May	117.2	0.1	116.7	—		
June p	117.3	0.1	116.7	—		

(Source: Price Index of Materials Used in Other than House Building, ABS catalogue number 6407.0.)

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Year or month	Dairy products ¹			Staff-hours worked	
	Whole milk ²	Factory butter ³	Factory cheese	Textile manufacturing ⁴	Vegetable preserving
	million litres	tonnes	tonnes	'000	'000
1994-95	436.5	8 105	20 529	1 527	1 838
1995-96	513.8	9 589	24 852	1 443	1 784
1996-97	529.4	10 869	25 373	1 349	1 534
1994					
June	11.7	227	551	145	164
1996					
June	16.5	706	695	110	143
1997					
April	37.2	1 084	2 098	118	128
May	27.6	893	879	115	138
June	15.9	338	652	110	110
Year or month	Newsprint ⁵	Refined zinc	Metal, refin. index ⁶	Electricity	Gas
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes		million kW.h	'000 MJ
1994-95	222.7	189.8	98.3	8 688	51 933
1995-96	242.9	207.8	104.7	9 100	41 035
1996-97	232.7	207.7	116.1	9 543	11 781
1994					
June	16.8	17.3	97.8	762	5 871
1996					
June	19.6	17.3	110.5	826	3 863
1997					
April	19.0	16.6	109.7	766	—
May	23.7	19.4	119.0	841	—
June	17.6	17.7	117.8	848	—

¹ Source: Australian Dairy Corporation.
² Includes the whole milk equivalent of farm cream intake.
³ Includes butter equivalent of butter oil.
⁴ Includes spinning, weaving and carpet making. Reported by establishments which manufacture textiles only, or manufacture clothing and textiles in the one plant.
⁵ Excludes production of directory newsprint and high grade specialty paper.
⁶ Metallurgical refining index (Base: 1979-80 = 100.0) Output from selected establishments covering the smelting and refining of ferro-alloys, zinc and aluminium. The weighting pattern is based on the establishments' value added as derived from the 1979-80 Manufacturing Census. For multi-product establishments, value added was apportioned to products on the basis of gross receipts from each product.
 (Source: ABS unpublished data.)

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERING: **Original**

		Cattle					
		Bulls, bullocks and steers	Cows and heifers	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
Year or month		'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1994-95		111.2	96.7	28.8	569.3	477.2	92.9
1995-96		95.4	88.9	41.4	349.7	393.3	86.5
1996-97 p		110.1	98.3	43.7	397.9	374.4	79.2
1995							
July		7.7	6.2	1.1	18.3	24.9	6.9
1996							
July	p	7.3	5.8	1.8	21.6	25.3	7.2
August	p	6.2	4.6	13.4	13.2	21.2	6.3
September	p	6.4	5.2	16.8	14.0	25.4	6.3
October	p	7.6	6.4	6.1	19.8	25.2	5.9
November	p	9.4	8.0	0.6	32.3	27.1	5.7
December	p	12.3	8.9	0.2	42.0	28.2	7.0
1997							
January	p	12.8	8.1	0.1	47.5	42.8	6.8
February	p	10.6	8.8	0.1	47.4	35.6	6.2
March	p	10.1	8.1	0.4	43.5	35.0	6.6
April	p	10.3	11.0	1.6	47.6	35.2	6.8
May	p	9.7	12.7	1.7	37.0	42.7	7.9
June	p	7.5	10.7	1.0	32.1	30.7	6.3
July	p	8.6	9.9	1.9	31.7	36.7	8.0

(Source: *Livestock Products, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 7215.0.)

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERING: **Seasonally adjusted and trend**

Month	Seasonally adjusted			Trend		
	Cattle and calves	Sheep and lambs	Pigs	Cattle and calves	Sheep and lambs	Pigs
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1995						
July	18.9	55.8	7.0	20.1	69.1	7.5
1996						
July	18.6	58.6	7.1	19.9	57.0	6.7
August	19.8	54.9	6.4	20.3	56.5	6.6
September	22.1	57.1	6.8	20.6	56.9	6.4
October	20.2	55.6	6.2	20.9	58.3	6.3
November	20.4	60.5	5.8	21.2	60.9	6.3
December	22.8	62.7	6.2	21.7	64.2	6.5
1997						
January	21.6	71.3	7.1	22.2	67.1	6.6
February	22.8	71.6	7.0	22.6	68.9	6.8
March	22.2	64.8	6.7	23.0	69.6	6.9
April	25.1	75.7	7.0	23.3	69.7	6.9
May	23.4	68.0	7.0	23.4	69.8	6.9
June	22.0	61.4	6.2	23.6	70.2	6.9
July	24.4	78.6	7.3	23.7	70.5	6.9

(Source: ABS unpublished data)

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MEAT PRODUCTION¹: Original

	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pigmeat ²	Total
Year or month	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
1994-95	49 907	977	11 230	8 412	5 982	76 509
1995-96	45 377	875	7 414	7 407	5 634	66 707
1996-97 p	52 485	920	8 464	7 043	5 171	74 083
1995						
July	3 633	25	380	468	452	4 958
1996						
July p	3 271	39	448	474	469	4 702
August p	2 638	272	270	398	411	3 990
September p	2 878	339	286	478	410	4 392
October p	3 434	125	409	474	386	4 827
November p	4 262	15	700	510	368	5 855
December p	5 559	7	928	528	456	7 479
1997						
January p	5 434	5	1 020	806	456	7 721
February p	4 976	6	1 019	670	413	7 083
March p	4 635	13	927	658	431	6 664
April p	5 394	38	1 014	663	445	7 553
May p	5 524	40	774	804	516	7 659
June p	4 479	22	669	578	409	6 157
July p	4 530	43	664	691	457	6 385

¹ Carcass weight.

² Includes pork used for production of bacon and ham.

(Source: *Livestock Products, Australia*. ABS catalogue number 7215.0.)

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PRINCIPAL MINERAL CONCENTRATES PRODUCED: Original

	Copper	Iron (pellets)	Lead	Lead- zinc	Tin	Zinc
Year or quarter	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes
1994-95	59.4	1 483.8	97.4	45.3	14.3	350.6
1995-96	53.5	1 681.3	106.3	38.6	16.0	361.5
1996-97	99.7	809.4	101.4	38.0	16.3	356.9
1996						
March	19.8	326.9	24.1	11.4	3.5	84.8
June	21.5	475.4	24.1	9.2	4.3	85.0
September	26.0	439.3	30.6	10.3	3.9	88.6
December	25.6	366.7	24.9	11.0	4.0	89.5
1997						
March	24.0	3.3	22.9	10.2	3.9	85.6
June	24.2	—	23.0	6.4	4.6	93.3

(Source: *Tasmania—Development and Resources*)

Year or quarter	Tasmanian-grown logs delivered					Sawn, peeled and sliced timber produced ¹				
	Eucalypts	Hardwoods, excluding eucalypts ²	Plantation ³ softwoods	Native softwoods ⁴	Total	Eucalypts	Hardwoods, excluding eucalypts ²	Plantation ³ softwoods	Native softwoods ⁴	Total
		'000 m ³	'000 m ³	'000 m ³	'000 m ³		'000 m ³	'000 m ³	'000 m ³	'000 m ³
1994-95	653.1	12.6	304.9	2.8	973.4	212.5	4.3	142.7	0.6	360.1
1995-96	602.8	13.0	343.7	1.4	960.9	192.4	4.4	152.0	0.5	349.3
1996-97 p	496.7	16.1	357.2	1.2	871.3	165.9	4.0	160.3	0.5	330.7
1995										
June	187.6	2.1	77.4	0.7	267.8	53.4	1.1	34.6	0.1	89.2
September	184.3	1.8	79.9	0.2	266.2	55.4	1.3	36.0	0.1	92.8
December	139.1	1.5	70.2	0.2	211.0	49.0	1.0	36.0	0.2	86.2
1996										
March	136.6	6.7	98.1	0.3	241.7	41.5	0.9	41.2	0.1	83.7
June	142.9	3.0	95.5	0.6	242.0	46.5	1.2	38.8	0.1	86.6
September	134.4	2.4	97.3	—	234.1	47.3	1.1	43.0	0.1	91.4
December	111.8	3.7	83.3	0.5	199.3	40.1	0.9	41.2	0.1	82.3
1997										
March	107.9	6.3	86.1	0.4	200.6	34.0	0.9	37.1	—	72.1
June	142.7	3.7	90.6	0.3	237.2	44.5	1.1	39.0	0.2	84.9

¹ Includes plywood, veneer and sliced timber production converted to an equivalent cubic measurement.

² Includes blackwood, myrtle, sassafras etc.

³ Radiata pine.

⁴ Includes Huon pine, celery top pine and King William pine.

(Source: ABS unpublished data.)

Year or quarter	Producing locations ²	Materials used ³		
		Logs delivered ⁴	Sawmill offcuts	Chipped and ground wood production
		'000 m ³	'000 m ³	('000 tonnes green weight)
1994-95	31	4 064.1	394.2	4 343.1
1995-96	31	3 510.0	457.9	3 820.1
1996-97	27	3 207.4	433.2	3 609.3
1995				
June	31	967.9	120.1	1 059.3
September	32	935.6	118.2	1 044.1
December	31	932.1	104.6	939.9
1996				
March	32	842.6	109.8	958.0
June	31	799.6	125.3	878.1
September	30	767.5	133.5	870.9
December	30	805.1	117.5	908.4
1997				
March	28	759.7	87.0	829.2
June	27	875.1	95.2	1 000.9

¹ Both hardwoods and softwoods, separate details are not available.

² Capable of producing at end of year or actually producing during quarter.

³ Data reported by weight, converted to cubic measure by the factor 0.95 m³ per tonne.

⁴ Includes log equivalent of limbwood and billets.

(Source: ABS unpublished data.)

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LOGS DELIVERED FOR MILLING OR CHIPPING: Original

Year or quarter	Sawmilling and plywood milling			Chipping and grinding ¹			Total		
	Crown land ²	Private land	Total	Crown land ²	Private land	Total	Crown land ²	Private land	Total
	'000 m ³	'000 m ³	'000 m ³	'000 m ³	'000 m ³	'000 m ³	'000 m ³	'000 m ³	'000 m ³
1994-95	780.3	193.2	973.4	1 966.8	2 097.3	4 064.1	2 747.1	2 290.4	5 037.6
1995-96	773.5	187.4	960.9	1 579.6	1 930.4	3 510.0	2 353.1	2 117.8	4 470.9
1996-97	725.0	146.3	871.3	1 627.4	1 580.0	3 207.4	2 352.4	1 726.2	4 078.7
1995									
June	215.2	52.7	267.8	537.6	430.3	967.9	752.8	483.0	1 235.8
September	214.1	52.2	266.2	438.2	497.4	935.6	652.2	549.6	1 201.9
December	165.2	45.8	211.0	388.3	543.8	932.1	553.5	589.6	1 143.1
1996									
March	202.3	39.4	241.7	405.3	437.3	842.6	607.6	476.7	1 084.3
June	191.9	50.1	242.0	347.9	451.8	799.6	539.7	501.8	1 041.6
September	194.2	39.9	234.1	403.5	364.0	767.5	597.8	403.9	1 001.7
December	162.5	36.8	199.3	411.0	394.1	805.1	573.4	430.9	1 004.3
1997									
March	170.1	30.5	200.6	375.7	383.9	759.7	545.8	414.5	960.3
June	198.2	39.0	237.2	437.2	437.9	875.1	635.4	476.9	1 112.3

¹ Logs used are generally below sawmilling standard; includes log equivalent of limbwood and billets.

² Comprises all areas (including concession areas) from which royalties are payable to Forestry Tasmania.
(Source: ABS unpublished data)

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BUILDING APPROVALS: Original

Year or month	New residential building		Con-versions etc.	Total dwelling units	Value				Total of all building
	Houses	Other ¹			New dwelling units	Alterations and additions ² to residential building	Non-residential building ³		
							Private	Total	
	no.	no.	no.	no.	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
1994-95	2 576	596	14	3 176	244 623	39 963	117 984	161 567	446 152
1995-96	1 938	601	7	2 546	217 445	36 890	119 849	216 752	471 086
1996-97	1 593	251	17	1 861	157 428	35 323	121 490	158 970	351 720
1994									
July	212	97	2	311	20 883	3 213	6 161	7 121	31 217
1996									
July	108	13	—	121	9 527	2 282	24 234	38 187	49 996
1997									
April	144	51	1	196	16 900	3 165	4 758	5 454	25 520
May	121	25	1	147	12 768	2 723	16 913	18 091	33 582
June	104	13	1	118	9 464	2 523	13 294	13 619	25 606
July	109	56	—	165	14 289	3 695	5 761	7 807	25 790

¹ New individual dwelling units (e.g. flats, home units and villa units).

² Valued at \$10,000 and over.

³ Comprises non-residential building (new plus alterations and additions) valued at \$50,000 and over.

(Source: Building Approvals, Tasmania, ABS catalogue number 8731.6.)

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SECURED HOUSING COMMITMENTS¹: Original, seasonally adjusted and trend

Month	Total number of dwellings ²			Total value of commitments		
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend
	no.	no.	no.	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
1996						
May	942	825	857	64.7	55.6	60.9
June	841	830	872	58.3	61.0	64.0
July	1 032	1 012	1 069	66.1	64.7	68.0
August	1 163	1 175	1 088	77.2	79.6	71.2
September	1 067	1 098	1 081	68.8	70.4	72.0
October	1 117	1 155	1 040	75.9	80.8	70.0
November	909	924	972	60.7	61.5	65.8
December	787	845	900	54.4	57.6	61.1
1997						
January	742	810	r 846	49.5	51.6	r 57.6
February	778	793	r 819	56.1	56.9	r 56.1
March	814	799	r 815	59.2	57.9	r 56.3
April	933	881	r 815	64.0	59.4	r 57.1
May	943	873	r 809	63.6	58.1	r 57.5
June	756	718	r 797	54.6	55.3	r 57.5
July	786	767	r 784	57.7	57.1	r 57.5

¹ Commitment is a firm offer of housing finance. It either has been, or is normally expected to be, accepted. Includes commitments to provide

housing finance to employees and commitments accepted and cancelled in the same month. Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing.

² Includes new dwellings, established dwellings and refinancing. Excludes alterations and additions.

(Source: Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia, ABS catalogue 5609.0.)

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BANKING STATISTICS¹: Original

Month	Deposits				
	Current bearing interest	Current – not bearing interest	Fixed	Investment savings accounts	Statement savings accounts
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1996					
July	687	253	1 737	540	161
August	692	249	1 758	543	163
September	690	240	1 768	552	165
October	699	238	1 787	559	168
November	692	237	1 791	560	169
December	699	244	1 771	570	188
1997					
January	662	246	1 763	583	235
February	695	241	1 764	605	229
March	692	252	1 780	606	231
April	687	250	1 791	600	231
May	695	249	1 760	600	230
June	685	249	1 750	600	219
July	710	242	1 750	602	220

Month	Deposits			
	Passbook/School savings accounts	Other	Total	Loans ²
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1996				
July	156	127	3 660	4 532
August	153	127	3 685	4 541
September	151	129	3 694	4 520
October	147	129	3 728	4 545
November	140	132	3 722	4 513
December	134	133	3 739	4 533
1997				
January	127	129	3 745	4 466
February	123	103	3 759	4 493
March	122	103	3 786	4 694
April	121	102	3 781	4 412
May	119	101	3 754	4 423
June	117	100	3 719	4 500
July	114	94	3 733	4 559

¹ Details are the averages of weekly figures for each month. The figures are derived from returns submitted by banks authorised under the *Banking Act* together with similar returns voluntarily submitted by the State banks; they exclude the Reserve Bank.

² Excludes non-resident loans

(Source: Reserve Bank of Australia.)

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PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY TYPE OF ASSET^{1, 2}: Original

Year or quarter	New buildings and structures	Equipment, plant, and machinery	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m
1994–95 r	143	546	689
1995–96 r	190	423	613
1996–97 r	129	559	688
1996			
September r	34	118	151
December r	35	157	192
1997			
March r	30	140	169
June	31	144	175

¹ Estimates based on a sample survey and therefore subject to sampling variability. Covers selected industries only—mining, manufacturing, finance, property and other selected industries.

² Data revised back to June quarter 1987. See *Improvements to ABS Economic Statistics* (catalogue number 1357.0).

(Source: State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure, ABS catalogue number 5646.0.)

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PASSENGER ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES, TASMANIA¹: Original

Period	By air				Total departures ²	Cruise ships	
	Interstate arrivals	International arrivals	By sea	Total		Arrivals	Departures
1993	694 244	5 144	115 381	814 769	814 835	2 033	2 033
1994	745 508	4 166	128 644	878 318	880 936	6 592	6 592
1995	811 784	3 982	116 869	932 635	931 278	6 199	6 199
1996	831 040	2 999	115 486	949 525	961 468	5 286	5 286
1996							
July	56 537	—	7 550	64 087	68 288	—	—
1997							
January	76 390	399	14 296	91 085	111 118	2 250	2 250
February	69 018	383	11 718	81 119	76 323	2 350	2 350
March	72 393	441	12 952	85 786	92 811	—	—
April	66 932	331	11 820	79 083	86 079	—	—
May	55 569	—	8 680	64 249	76 312	—	—
June	58 491	—	10 223	68 714	67 235	—	—
July	53 633	—	6 512	60 145	67 778	—	—

¹ The following persons are not included in these statistics: passengers under three years of age accompanied by an adult; passengers travelling on chartered flights with minor carriers; passengers travelling on private or VIP flights; and passengers from or departing for overseas other than direct flights to New Zealand.

(Source: Tourism Tasmania.)

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TOTAL PASSENGER ARRIVALS BY AIR AND SEA, TASMANIA: Original, seasonally adjusted and trend

Period	Original	Seasonally adjusted ¹	Trend
1996			
July	64 087	79 543	80 886
1997			
January	91 085	74 711	76 126
February	81 119	76 488	76 598
March	85 786	72 875	77 552
April	79 083	84 263	78 534
May	64 249	80 288	79 161
June	68 714	80 569	79 373
July	60 145	74 822	79 205

¹ There is an annual recalculation of seasonal adjustment factors to include the most recent year's arrivals. This occurs at the end of each financial year and may cause revisions to previously published seasonally adjusted and trend figures. A full time series of seasonally adjusted and trend series from January 1971 is available on request, telephone (03) 6222 5912.

(Source: Tourism Tasmania. ABS unpublished data.)

HOTELS, MOTELS, ETC. WITH FACILITIES						
Period	Original		Room nights		Original	
	Establishments ¹ no.	Guest rooms ¹ no.	Seasonally adjusted ² no.	Trend estimates ² no.	Room occupancy rate %	Takings from accommodation \$'000
June quarter						
1995	179	5 408	n.a.	n.a.	48.4	17 954
1996	180	5 523			46.7	17 815
1997	197	5 637			43.7	17 695
1995						
April	n.a.	n.a.	84 018	88 003	55.6	7 028
May	n.a.	n.a.	86 906	88 739	48.0	6 056
June	179	5 408	91 664	89 500	41.6	4 870
1996						
April	n.a.	n.a.	86 691	87 063	56.2	7 353
May	n.a.	n.a.	84 991	86 355	45.7	5 766
June	180	5 523	85 860	86 166	38.2	4 696
1997						
April	n.a.	n.a.	83 410	83 489	54.1	7 349
May	n.a.	n.a.	80 582	82 647	41.6	5 630
June	197	5 637	82 246	82 067	35.7	4 715

HOLIDAY UNITS						
Period	Original		Unit nights		Original	
	Establishments ¹ no.	Units ¹ no.	Seasonally adjusted ² no.	Trend estimates ² no.	Unit occupancy rate %	Takings from accommodation \$'000
June quarter						
1995	54	830	n.a.	n.a.	43.6	2 343
1996	55	846			43.3	2 374
1997	58	876			43.3	2 545
1995						
April	n.a.	n.a.	12 770	12 413	55.9	1 050
May	n.a.	n.a.	11 987	12 370	38.7	685
June	54	830	12 190	12 301	36.2	608
1996						
April	n.a.	n.a.	13 376	12 387	57.6	1 090
May	n.a.	n.a.	11 831	12 272	37.4	674
June	55	846	12 114	12 210	35.2	611
1997						
April	n.a.	n.a.	14 017	13 008	58.4	1 182
May	n.a.	n.a.	12 897	12 785	39.4	754
June	58	876	11 552	12 551	32.3	609

CARAVAN PARKS						
Period	Original		Site nights		Original	
	Establishments ¹ no.	Sites and cabins ¹ no.	Seasonally adjusted ² no.	Trend estimates ² no.	Site occupancy rate %	Takings from accommodation \$'000
June quarter						
1995	75	6 625	n.a.	n.a.	30.3	1 523
1996	73	6 479			30.5	1 575
1997	73	6 490			31.5	1 720
1995						
April	n.a.	n.a.	67 614	65 527	35.0	700
May	n.a.	n.a.	65 930	65 497	28.4	438
June	75	6 625	64 876	65 293	27.7	385
1996						
April	n.a.	n.a.	63 922	66 093	33.9	712
May	n.a.	n.a.	64 597	66 164	29.4	467
June	73	6 479	67 213	66 383	28.3	395
1997						
April	n.a.	n.a.	71 946	69 434	35.0	753
May	n.a.	n.a.	69 297	69 712	30.5	524
June	73	6 490	67 804	69 835	29.2	442

¹ At end of quarter.² Seasonally adjusted and trend estimates are revised annually because of yearly seasonal re-analysis.
(Source: Tourist Accommodation, Tasmania, ABS catalogue number 8635.6.)

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REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES¹: Original

Year or month	Passenger vehicles	Other vehicles ²	Total (excl. motor cycles)	Vehicles registered by vehicle rental businesses ³	Motor cycles
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
1994	10 543	2 837	13 380	1 708	376
1995	10 919	2 874	13 793	1 952	393
1996	11 445	2 726	14 171	2 384	462
1995					
July	772	257	1 029	65	21
1996					
July	1 099	242	1 341	232	26
August	1 040	296	1 336	216	52
September	1 171	177	1 348	448	38
October	1 042	265	1 307	213	35
November	1 072	195	1 267	370	50
December	1 491	246	1 737	823	48
1997					
January	756	179	935	4	49
February	746	152	898	3	34
March	738	220	958	3	39
April	815	232	1 047	1	46
May	941	270	1 211	6	36
June	861	267	1 128	22	28
July	1 217	259	1 476	366	46

¹ Includes State and Commonwealth Government-owned motor vehicles other than those belonging to the defence services. Excludes tractors, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers.

² Comprises utilities, panel vans, rigid and articulated trucks and other truck-type vehicles (i.e. motor vehicles designed for purposes other than freight carrying, e.g. campervans, tow trucks, ambulances and hearses) and buses.

³ These figures are included in previous columns.

(Source: Motor Vehicle Registrations Australia, ABS catalogue number 9301.0 ABS unpublished data.)

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TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS AT CURRENT PRICES^{1, 2}: Original and trend

Period	Original \$m	Trend estimates	
		\$m	Change from corresponding month of previous year %
1995			
July r	237.8	251.0	2.7
1996			
July r	236.5	253.9	1.2
August r	246.8	253.7	1.0
September r	231.4	254.1	0.9
October r	258.4	255.1	0.9
November r	268.1	256.4	1.1
December r	337.5	257.6	1.2
1997			
January r	256.6	258.3	1.1
February r	233.8	258.9	1.0
March r	252.1	259.6	1.2
April r	254.6	260.6	1.7
May r	263.7	261.9	2.5
June r	244.1	263.3	3.4
July r	259.4	264.8	4.3

¹ Survey has been re-designed—see Information Paper (8511.0).

² Data revised back to 1982. See Improvements to ABS Economic Statistics (Catalogue number 1357.0).

(Source: Retail Trade, Australia, ABS catalogue number 8501.0.)

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust. ¹
Population							
Estimated resident population, March 1997 ('000) p	6 260.9	4 595.7	3 392.9	1 478.7	1 791.2	473.8	18 492.0
Proportion of Australian population, March 1997 (%) p	33.9	24.9	18.3	8.0	9.7	2.6	100.0
Population growth rate, 12 months to March 1997 (%) p	1.2	1.0	2.1	0.4	1.9	- 0.1	1.3
Labour Force							
Employment growth, 12 months to August 1997 (trend series) (%)							
Males	- 0.4	- 0.6	0.9	1.7	3.0	- 3.8	0.3
Females	- 0.4	0.9	3.3	- 1.5	- 0.5	- 5.3	0.5
Persons	- 0.4	0.1	2.0	0.3	1.5	- 4.4	0.4
Unemployment rate (trend series), August 1997 (%)	8.0	9.2	9.3	9.7	7.1	11.0	8.7
Unemployment growth, 12 months to August 1997 (trend series) (%)	0.6	3.5	0.6	3.6	- 7.0	- 0.8	0.6
Participation rate (trend series), August 1997 (%)	61.3	63.0	64.5	61.8	65.5	58.4	62.9
Average weekly overtime worked per employee, May 1997 (hours)	1.1	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.1	0.8	1.1
Job vacancy rate, May 1997 (%)	0.9	0.7	1.0	0.6	1.2	1.0	0.9
Working days lost through industrial disputes, 12 months to June 1997 (days per '000 employees)	68	106	133	28	94	79	89
Wages and Prices							
Average weekly total earnings, full-time adult employees (trend series) May 1997 (\$)							
Males	822.9	792.2	752.6	750.9	815.3	749.0	795.7
Females	657.7	634.4	607.0	598.0	598.2	589.4	633.3
Persons	760.2	736.4	699.9	698.9	738.2	693.8	736.6
Average weekly total earnings, full-time adult employees, growth rate, 12 months to May 1997 (%)	1.1	4.1	6.7	4.1	1.4	5.5	3.2
Consumer price index, all groups, annual growth to June quarter 1997 (%) ²	0.3	0.6	0.6	- 0.1	0.2	0.6	0.3
Building							
% change in the number of new residential dwelling units approved in 12 months ended July 1997, over the same period previous year	8.6	9.9	7.3	8.0	- 0.9	- 22.8	9.1
Finance and Retail Trade							
% change in private new capital expenditure, 12 months ended June 1997, over the same period previous year	8.3	11.3	29.5	37.6	- 16.9	12.2	8.0
% change in trend estimates turnover of retail establishments, July 1997 (change from corresponding month of the previous year)	1.6	6.7	4.0	1.7	2.4	4.3	3.4
Transport							
% change in number of new motor vehicles (excluding motorcycles) registered 12 months ended July 1997, over the same period previous year	4.2	6.7	5.3	0.5	8.1	9.4	5.1
Agriculture							
% change in the number of livestock slaughtered 12 months ended July 1997 over the same period previous year							
Cattle and calves	4.2	13.2	6.6	0.9	4.5	14.2	7.2
Sheep and lambs	- 4.9	6.6	17.5	1.9	8.1	4.9	2.5
Tourism							
Room occupancy rates for hotels, motels etc. with facilities, March quarter 1997(%)	60.9	59.8	57.3	55.4	57.1	62.9	58.6
Australian National and State Accounts							
% change in GSP (GDP), Average 1989-90 Prices Trend Series							
Mar. qtr 1997 to Jun. qtr 1997	0.3	1.3	0.9	- 0.5	—	- 0.8	0.6
Jun. qtr 1996 to Jun. qtr 1997	2.1	3.2	4.3	- 0.2	1.4	- 1.4	2.6

¹ Australian totals include the ACT and NT.² CPI applies to State capitals.

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